



Approved September 8, 2020

Regular Meeting Minutes
City of Scottsdale
2035 General Plan Update
Citizen Review Committee 2020

5:00 P.M., Monday, June 29, 2020

Meeting Participants

Present Committee Members: Larry Bernosky – Carol Miraldi – Steve Dodd – Janice Eng – Pamela Iacovo – Ryan Johnson – Kurt Jones – Richard Newman – Shiela Reyman – William Scarbrough – Blair Schweiger – Shannon Scutari – Janice Shimokubo

City Staff Members: Erin Perreault, AICP, Long Range Planning Director – Adam Yaron, Project Coordination Liaison – Taylor Reynolds, Project Coordination Liaison

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Only written comments submitted electronically at least one hour prior to the meeting are being accepted. A written Public Comment may be submitted electronically by clicking on the "click here to submit a comment on an item" link located at the top of each page of the agenda.

Meeting was held electronically and remotely.

Call to Order - Adam Yaron called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM

Roll Call - *Members of the Committee will be attending the Meeting by telephone, video, or Internet conferencing, pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431(4).*

1. Approve Meeting Minutes

- a. Regular Meeting of June 15, 2020

Commission Action: Action Item

Committee Member Shimokubo noted and corrected a few misspelled words in the June 15, 2020 draft minutes.

Committee Member Newman made a motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of the Citizen Review Committee, as corrected, that occurred on June 1, 2020. Committee Member Shimokubo seconded the motion, which carried 12-0, with all Committee Members voting in the affirmative.

2. Draft General Plan 2035 – Section 2 – Connectivity Chapter Introduction and the Circulation Element

The Citizen Review Committee will review and discuss Section 2 – Connectivity Chapter Introduction and the Circulation Element of the draft 2035 General Plan (Pages 166 - 177).

Commission Action: Information/Discussion/Possible Action Item

Committee Member Reyman joined the meeting at 5:13 PM

Consent by Committee to incorporate the following:

Page 166, Amend first paragraph to state “The way residents, visitors, and employees travel throughout the city AFFECTS overall quality of life and community image. Scottsdale is the premier center in the Valley for arts, culture and tourism; a regional shopping hub; and an importer of employees. Therefore, it is critical to provide a variety of mobility choices and examine transportation CHALLENGES AND THEIR COST EFFECTIVENESS at a local, as well as regional level”. Amend the first four sentences of the second paragraph to state “The automobile will remain an important means of travel in Scottsdale. To maintain mobility, land use and transportation policies should emphasize a mix of uses and activities served by SMART, SAFE, efficient, AFFORDABLE and accessible transportation options. To reduce traffic congestion and ADVERSE impacts on the built and natural environments, Scottsdale must make land use decisions that strive to reduce the length and number of automobile trips. Efficient, accessible, and comfortable mobility choices, as well as employer participation in trip reduction programs, can EFFECTIVELY transform reliance on the automobile and reduce congestion on streets”.

Page 169, Agreed with suggested city staff and community changes as depicted in CRC packet for the first paragraph; however, amend the first paragraph to retain the final sentence that states “A variety of mobility choices will provide greater accessibility and connectivity; alleviate pollution and congestion; and foster community well-being and quality of life”, while removing the final sentence of the second paragraph. Agreed with suggested community and city staff changes as depicted in CRC packet for the second paragraph; however, amend the first four sentences to state “Scottsdale’s ability to continuously investigate, plan, and incorporate new and traditional TRANSPORTATION AND MOBILITY technologies into our public transit system WILL assure adequate access to and within our community for residents, employees, visitors, and businesses. To correspond to the character, needs, and lifestyle of different areas within Scottsdale, the City will need to diversify its transportation choices THAT MAY REQUIRE SPECIFIC AREA SOLUTIONS. Land use and transportation policies should emphasize a mix of uses and activities served by more efficient and accessible transportation options, such as walking and bicycling. INCORPORATION OF THESE OPTIONS will reduce traffic congestion and impacts on the built and natural environments”.

Staff to review the use of Capital “C” in “City” vs utilizing lowercase “c” in “city” throughout the entire draft plan.

Page 170, Agreed with suggested city staff and community changes as depicted in CRC packet. Agreed to maintain the paragraph at the top of the page as written, with a minor addition of AND NEW prior to “transportation systems” in the last sentence. For C 1.1 include all community changes and amend to state “Support the Scottsdale public transit system to assure adequate AND AFFORDABLE access to and within our community for citizens, employees, visitors, and businesses through the use of existing and future technologies RELATED TO HIGH CAPACITY TRANSIT”. Agreed with suggested community and city staff changes as depicted in CRC packet for C 1.2. Amend C 1.3 to state “Reduce conflict points between various TRANSPORTATION CHOICES”. Agreed with suggested community changes

as depicted in CRC packet for C 1.5 and amend to state “Incorporate strategies AND TECHNOLOGIES that efficiently move people, improve transportation system capacity, and enhance mobility choices”. Agreed with suggested community changes as depicted in CRC packet for C 1.6 and amend to state “Assess high capacity REGIONAL transit alternatives”. Amend C 1.7 to state “Provide connections that ensure functional and uninterrupted movement between transportation modes THROUGH INTELLIGENT TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS AND INDUSTRY STANDARD, BEST PRACTICES”.

Page 171, Agreed with suggested city staff changes as depicted in CRC packet for C 1.8. Amend C 1.10 to delete the phrase “accessibility and”. Agreed with suggested city staff changes as depicted in CRC packet for C 1.11 and amend to state “Control access to and from arterial streets and regional transportation corridors to protect their abilities to move MULTIMODAL traffic efficiently”. Amend C 2.2 to state “Integrate, AS APPROPRIATE, a variety of mobility choices along LOCAL AND regional transportation CORRIDORS”. Amend C 2.3 to state “Reduce demands on transportation networks by using trip reduction strategies and travel demand management techniques, including TECHNOLOGY AND APPLICATIONS, telecommuting, alternative work schedules, carpooling, and transit/bicycling incentives IN ORDER TO PROVIDE TRAVELERS WITH EFFECTIVE CHOICES TO IMPROVE TRAVEL RELIABILITY”.

Page 172, Amend C 3.1 to state “Integrate park-and-ride FACILITIES and transit centers along regional corridors and within Growth and Activity Areas”. Agreed with suggested city staff changes as depicted in CRC packet for C 3.5 and amend to state “Increase accessibility to transit OPTIONS through non-motorized and other transit connections, such as, neighborhood circulators; ON DEMAND TRANSPORTATION NETWORK COMPANIES; improved/ENHANCED sidewalks, MULTIMODAL paths, BICYCLE lanes; AND, NON-MOTORIZED OPTIONS FOR THE FINAL MILE TO REACH PUBLIC TRANSIT SERVICES”.

Page 173, Agreed with suggested city staff changes as depicted in CRC packet for C 4.1. Amend C 4.4 to state “Coordinate local and regional construction projects to reduce mobility delays and hindrances ON TRAVELERS, INCLUDING DISCOURAGEMENT OF CONCURRENT CONSTRUCTION ON PARALLEL TRANSPORTATION CORRIDORS”. Amend C 4.5 to state “ADVANCE partnerships AND privatization to provide ADDITIONAL choices TO addressing gaps in the CITY’S mobility system”. Staff to incorporate the following new policy at the most appropriate location within the plan: “INCREASE THE USE OF LOW-IMPACT DEVELOPMENT (LID) AND OTHER GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE TECHNIQUES, SUCH AS CURB OPENINGS AND PERMEABLE PAVEMENT”. Staff to also identify the appropriate plan placement for “REDUCING STREET WIDTHS AND PARKING REQUIRMENTS, TO LIMIT UNNECESSARY ASPHALT”.

Page 174, Agreed with suggested city staff changes as depicted in CRC packet for C 5.2; however, staff to incorporate “dedicated pedestrian zones or periods of non-motorized pedestrian traffic” into the draft plan. Amend C 5.3 to state “Design citywide transportation networks AND FACILITIES to protect neighborhoods from regional or citywide traffic”. Agreed with suggested city staff changes as depicted in CRC packet for C 5.5. Agreed with suggested city staff changes as depicted in CRC packet for C 6.1 and amend to state “Coordinate regional transportation planning and implementation strategies in partnership with neighboring jurisdictions and regional, STATE, AND FEDERAL governmental agencies”. Agreed with suggested city staff changes as depicted in CRC packet for C 6.2.

Page 175, Amend C 7.1 to state “Promote school locations and designs that encourage non-motorized travel. Accommodate direct links SUCH AS SIDEWALKS, TRAILS, AND PATHS

between schools and neighborhoods to minimize exposure to vehicles”. Agreed with suggested city staff changes as depicted in CRC packet for C 7.2 and amend to delete the phrase “Where applicable”. Amend Goal C 8 to state “Provide a comfortable and accessible transportation system TO INCREASE THE ABILITY TO REACH GOODS, SERVICES, AND ACTIVITIES. MANY FACTORS AFFECT ACCESSIBILITY, INCLUDING MOBILITY (PHYSICAL MOVEMENT), THE QUALITY AND AFFORDABILITY OF TRANSPORTATION OPTIONS, TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM CONNECTIVITY, AND LAND USE PATTERNS”.

Pages 176 and 177, agreed with suggested city staff changes as depicted in the Street Classification and Transit maps.

Committee Member Iacovo made a motion to approve city staff drafting, for final review by the CRC, all agreed upon CRC Member, community, and city staff edits for those sections of the plan reviewed and approved by the CRC within this agenda item, with final review and approval of all plan content and suggested changes, to be made by the CRC in a public meeting, date to be determined. Committee Member Bernosky seconded the motion, which carried 12-0, with Members Bernosky, Miraldi, Dodd, Eng, Iacovo, Johnson, Jones, Newman, Reyman, Scarbrough, Scutari, and Shimokubo voting in the affirmative and Committee Member Schweiger abstaining per the absence of any vocal response from the committee member.

3. Draft General Plan 2035 – Section 2 – Connectivity Chapter, Bicycling Element

The Citizen Review Committee will review and discuss Section 2 – Connectivity Chapter, Bicycling Element of the draft 2035 General Plan (Pages 177 - 182).

Commission Action: Information/Discussion/Possible Action Item

Consent by Committee to incorporate the following:

Page 179, Amend the first paragraph, to combine the last sentence to state “DUE TO STRIPED OR MARKED BICYCLE LANES, SHARED LANE MARKINGS, AND OTHER ON-STREET FACILITIES, many experienced bicyclists prefer to bicycle on streets where they can travel greater distances in a short amount of time”.

Page 180, Agreed with suggested city staff changes as depicted in CRC packet for B 1.3 and B 1.4. Amend B 1.5 to state “Maintain AND/or improve Scottsdale’s designation in the Bicycle-Friendly Community award program”. Amend B 2.2 to delete the phrase “and shower facilities”. Do not include suggested city staff change as depicted in CRC packet for B 2.3.

Page 181, Add a new policy under Goal B 2 to state “CONSIDER THE USE OF ON-STREET BICYCLE BOULEVARDS”; staff to draft a definition of Bicycle Boulevards for the General Plan Glossary. Agreed with suggested city staff changes as depicted in CRC packet for B 3.1. Amend B 3.2 to delete “and educate residents, businesses, schools, and others on bicycle safety”. Agreed with suggested city staff changes as depicted in CRC packet for B 3.3. Agreed with suggested city staff changes as depicted in CRC packet for B 3.4 and amend to state “Work to reduce conflicts with vehicles, pedestrians, and other bicyclists BY INCORPORATING BEST PRACTICES FOR BICYCLES AS A TRANSPORTATION MODE IN ADDITION TO A RECREATIONAL ACTIVITY. Amend B 3.5 to state “Work with law enforcement THROUGH COMMUNITY EDUCATION to ensure traffic laws are followed by both drivers and bicyclists”. Add a new policy under Goal B 3 to state “EDUCATE RESIDENTS, BUSINESSES, SCHOOLS, AND OTHERS ON BICYCLE SAFETY”.

Page 182, agreed with suggested city staff changes as depicted in the Bikeways and Crossings map.

Committee Member Johnson made a motion to approve city staff drafting, for final review by the CRC, all agreed upon CRC Member, community, and city staff edits for those sections of the plan reviewed and approved by the CRC within this agenda item, with final review and approval of all plan content and suggested changes, to be made by the CRC in a public meeting, date to be determined. Committee Member Eng seconded the motion, which carried 13-0, with all Committee Members voting in the affirmative.

4. Staff Updates (A.R.S. 38 - 431.02(K))

Staff will present a brief summary of current events and activities pertaining to the General Plan update process.

Commission Action: Information Only

Staff informed the Committee of updates to the Citizen Review Committee Workplan, recent General Plan related media articles, and clarified that the next regular meeting of the Citizen Review Committee would be held at 5:00 P.M., on Tuesday September 8, 2020.

Adjournment

Committee Member Schweiger made a motion to adjourn at 6:58 PM. Committee Member Scarbrough seconded the motion.